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June Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on June 1 was estimated at 1.01 million head, up 10,000 head from a year ago, according to Jay Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last June. Market hog inventory, at 900,000 head, was up 1 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the March to May quarter fell to 8.90.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2014 was 62.1 million head. This was down 5 percent from June 1, 2013, and down 1 percent from March 1, 2014. Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down slightly from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.3 million head, was down 5 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The March-May 2014 pig crop, at 27.4 million head, was down 5 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.80 million head, down slightly from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.78 for the March-May period, compared to 10.31 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the June-August 2014 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2013, but down 1 percent from 2012. Intended farrowings for September-November 2014, at 2.88 million sows, are up 4 percent from 2013, but down slightly from 2012.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, June 1, 2014

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2013	2014	Change	2013	2014	Change
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Percent)
Breeding	110	110	0	5,884	5,855	0
Market	890	900	1	59,304	56,273	-5
Under 50 pounds	280	270	-4	19,135	17,999	-6
50-119 pounds	220	210	-5	17,078	16,071	-6
120-179 pounds	180	220	22	12,414	11,931	-4
180+ pounds	210	200	-5	10,678	10,271	-4
Total	1,000	1,010	1	65,188	62,128	-5
Sows farrowed, Mar-May	50	52	4	2,806	2,797	0
Pigs/litter, Mar-May	10.20	8.90	-13	10.31	9.78	-5
Pig crop, Mar-May	510	463	-9	28,921	27,361	-5
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ¹	50	49	-2	2,890	2,893	0
Sows farrowing, Sep-Nov ¹	49	52	6	2,780	2,880	4

¹ Intentions.